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SUBJ: GOVERNMENT FORMATION - NO. 7 - POUL HARTLING

TO FORM NEW MINORITY GOVERNMENT

REF: COPENHAGEN 365

1. THE QUEEN HAS GIVEN POUL HARTLING THE MANDATE TO FORM
A NEW MINORITY GOVERNMENT. IN ADDITION TO HIS OWN LIBERAL
PARTY, THE NEW GOVERNMENT IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE THE
CONSERVATIVES, THE CHRISTIAN PEOPLES PARTY AND THE
CENTER DEMOCRATS. HARTLING IS CONCLUDING NEGOTIATIONS
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WITH THESE PARTIES THIS AFTERNOON AND EXPECTS TO PRESENT

HIS NEW CABINET TO THE QUEEN THIS EVENING OR TOMORROW MORNING.

2. AS PREDICATED REFTTEL, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LEADER ANKER JORGENSEN WAS UNABLE TO FORM A BROAD, MAJORITY GOVERNMENT AND SO REPORTED TO THE QUEEN LATE FEB 8. AFTER A NEW ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS WITH PARTY LEADERS, HARTLING WAS GIVEN THE MANDATE AT THE SUGGESTION OF ALL THE NON-SOCIALIST PARTIES EXCEPT THE RADICALS. RADICAL LEADER HILMAR BAUNSGAARD STATED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS PARTY WOULD GIVE "LOYAL OPPOSITION" TO EITHER A MINORITY SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC OR MINORITY LIBERAL GOVERNMENT.

3. THE NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT WILL REPRESENT 65 OF THE 179 SEATS IN PARLIAMENT. IT WILL THUS BE A LIBERAL-LED MINORITY GOVERNMENT DEPENDENT PRIMARILY UPON THE SUPPORT OF MOGENS GLISTRUP'S PROGRESS PARTY (24 SEATS). HARTLING HAS THUS SUCCEEDED IN PUTTING TOGETHER EXACTLY THE LIBERAL-CENTER COALITION HE TRIED TO FORM UNSUCCESSFULLY AFTER THE JAN 9 ELECTION (COPENHAGEN 120). HE WILL THUS HAVE A DIFFICULT AND PRECARIOUS PARLIMENTARY COURSE TO RUN. HE WILL REQUIRE ON EACH ISSUE EITHER THE SUPPORT OF GLISTRUP'S PROGRESSIVES OR BAUNSGAARD'S RADICALS TO OVERCOME THE 75 VOTES OF THE SOCIALIST BLOC.

4. THE NEW CABINET IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE ALMOST ALL MINISTERS FROM HARTLING'S PREVIOUS SINGLE-PARTY GOVERNMENT PLUS TWO CONSERVATIVES (PARTY LEADER POUL SCHLUTER AND PROBABLY PALLE SIMONSEN) TWO CHRISTIANS (PARTY LEADER JENS MOLLER AND CHRISTIAN CHRISTENSEN) AND ONE CENTER DEMOCRAT (PARTY LEADER ERHARD JAKOBSEN).
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